

Car pooling - safeguarding agencies / parents

Costs - legal requirement to send our kids to school.

↳ Mainstream children don't pay on their transport.

↳ Unable to work + earn money so parents will have to pay.

- Cost info with slides to show

- The methodology of the policy

- Process + Follow from today's meeting → Draft → Cabinet - what does that look like. - When how will we be informed -

- Quality impact assessment - Equality Act
Statement for assessment -

To have positive impact to Empower
- What does that look like for this policy -

1.

2.

- Means Testing = Post 16
Based on individual not
the Family Circumstances -

- Ignore legislation + Give Moral
Support + Change -

- Are other Budgets being Cut -
- what cuts are being made + what
% -

- New bases on some routes -
So why Purchase Now to the CUT
The Service.

- How ^{will} ~~are~~ the meeting be summarised
and communicated back with
'how' the policy will be
Positive + what changes.

2.

Will 'Shadowing' families be
an option to show How daily
transport is a BIG Part of our children's
lives

- No agency Staff - is Needed -
- Don't need to be
strangers - / PA

- Communication - The transport
Policy - This meeting should have
been before knowledge of the change
of Policy -

Communicate to us - Clearly -

- Children 'Other' - between 16-18 don't
Pay why should 'Our' children.

- Q's - ^{consultation} Not fit for information about 'our'
individual family - Pre Q's should have been draft. 3

- Planning for change
WITH us as parents / carers

ie Q's → Meetings → Follow ups —

Not
- 'Presentation' meetings which
don't give the desired outcome for
us or you!

- Q - Consultation to get ideas on
how + what we want as desired
Outcomes before the 'Real' confusing
consultation comes out

PREPERATION FOR US

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- Will make a difficult assessment process more difficult for parents
- Discriminating against vulnerable parents
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Means testing Post 16 - Education is compulsory for 16 year olds. Neurotypical children do not have to pay to get an education. Many families with SEN children are on a lower income due to being a full time carer or working reduced hours.

→ Must be case by case

→ at the moment feels we must fit into the available options

→ Travel Assistance

→ What is the process for resolution + appeal where
LA and parent disagree on what's right?
Reasonable/Right?

→ Any new process must add to the pressure
parents already carry?

→ What about safeguarding? Vulnerability? Risk Awareness?

- The PTB may be suitable for some, but not for ~~the~~ others
 - (cognitive age 3 → Out of Borough → single working parent
 - non-driver → what about safeguarding?
 - Escorts mean a meaningful, safe journey, that could be unsafe without an escort → it's not like the
 - PTB adds to the 'load' that parents of CPD w/ SEND carry
 - Inconsistency, unsuitability of current service
 - untrained drivers, unreliable PTs,
 - affects children's education
 - DLA is used to give children ^{with SEND} access, to what typical children get for free/cheaper
 - Should it not be 18+, as 16-18 = statutory
- Relevant to question of contribution to port - H transport
- FAC - clarification on what timescales mean for v. 7 in September 2024

• Means Testing: Post 16.

Means test individual not household income in line with Social Care.

Why should parents have to pay for travel for post 16 / especially 18 years olds that we are not legally responsible for. Our children are entitled to a education the same as others who get free school means.

Why should the charges only apply to households who are not on benefits ~~and~~ when the travel is for a young adult - It should be on their finances (individual) AS PARENTS WE ARE LEGALLY REQUIRED TO SEND OUR YOUNG PEOPLE TO EDUCATION - YET AT A COST!

• Individual / young adult not likely to be able to fund their own transport as will not be working or limited benefits available to them under 18. Why should parents?

• Independence: young adults that cannot do travel training or physically disabled in wheelchairs - cannot ~~do~~ travel independently. EVER! THEY NEED SAFE INDEPENDANCE
Young adults with cognitive impairments will NOT be able to travel independently.
• 1:1 Escorts - Necessary training? - escort on bus IS NOT enough for support.

* THIS IS THE ONLY INDEPENDANCE OUR YOUNG PEOPLE HAVE FOR INCLUSION AND SOCIALISATION AND SAFEGUARDING

WHY ARE YOU CONSIDERING CUTTING THIS! IT NEEDS TO BE PAID + PRIORITY!!
IT IS A

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Safe guard
concern
to child
and staff

Ⓟ Taxi service black taxi
versus normal taxi - Reason for
cost different.

Details on post 16 charges.
Means testing, multiple children examples?
To consider if child would qualify for
transport.

Suitable provision cannot be
provided in borough at 16
Should parents be penalised for
charging.

Surveys ~~in~~ cover the different
~~languages~~ languages, brail etc.

Can we have a break down of
costs of services not just numbers.
and also compare with other areas
~~by~~ bars and services

Concerns around staffing on buses

Suggestion of having schools assist transport and assessments.

Schools

more — more communication from transport.
Bus drivers

and escorts

↓
Training

sign language.

Seizure changes.

More consultations

↓ include working parents.

Family needs to be of assessment
not just child.

Can bus service planning be looked
at. - communication, other children, families.

Environmental - ^{Electric} Buses.
- If bus convert to PTB service

Schools logistics - Can a separate questionnaire
go out to schools.

Car pooling - Insurances, First training
per child needs.

Personal Budget - Clarity on how it will
work. - How it will be paid.

Bus exceptional circumstance? But majority
of children use bus for travel?

Please provide evidence
on travel training success/failures.

Please provide range criteria of those who
would be suggest / offer training